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For: IMAGING APPARATUS AND METHOD

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1, 4-12 and 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Umemoto et al. (US 5,013,916, hereinafter "Umemoto"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection since Umemoto does not disclose all the limitations recited in independent claims 1 and 12 and the claims that depend therefrom.

Claim 1, for example, specifies that an apparatus includes a radiation beam generator for generating a radiation beam modulated with imaging data which is directed towards a record medium support. Claim 1 further provides for a detection system for detecting radiation emitted